

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, lines 1-2, please replace the original Title with the following amended Title:

PET TOY

At page 1, line 3, please delete the following section heading:

~~DISCUSSION OF RELATED ART~~

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following new paragraphs:

Cross Reference To Related Documents

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/154,217, filed, September 23, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,623,328.

Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to a pet toy, and more particularly, to a pet toy that rips apart and can be reassembled for reuse.

Background of the Invention

At page 1, lines 22-24, please delete the following section heading and paragraph:

~~OBJECT OF THE INVENTION~~

~~It is an object of the invention to provide a toy for a dog that rips apart and can be reassembled for reuse.~~

At page 9, lines 2-10, please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A pet toy device for a house pet includes a pet toy main member and one or more pet toy secondary members. The pet toy main member has an exterior surface and one or more interface surfaces, wherein the main member exterior surface is non-destructively gripable by a house pet using its mouth and paws. The pet toy main member is shaped and sized to prevent swallowing by a house pet. The pet toy secondary members each have an exterior surface that is non-destructively gripable by a house pet using its mouth

and paws. Each pet toy secondary member also has an interface surface that corresponds to the main member interface surfaces. The pet toy secondary members are shaped and sized to prevent swallowing by a house pet. The interface surfaces of the main member and the interface surfaces of the secondary members are attachable by a human to create an attached toy state, non-destructively detachable by a house pet using its mouth and paws to create a detached toy state, and repeatably reattachable by a human to recreate an attached toy state after being detached by a house pet. The pet toy enables a house pet to tear apart the main and secondary members of the toy by gripping the exterior surfaces of the toy with its paws and mouth, and subsequently enables a human to easily reassemble the toy by reattaching the interface surfaces of the main member and secondary members.